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**Sent:** 5/25/2022 9:43:43 PM  
**To:** Mrzljak, Ashley [Mrzljak.Ashley@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: State Exide announcement now on-hold

No kidding

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**From:** Mrzljak, Ashley <Mrzljak.Ashley@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2022 2:42 PM  
**To:** Chow, Eugenia <Chow.Eugenia@epa.gov>  
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This is like a bipolar rollercoaster!

Respectfully,

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**Cc:** Amato, Paul <Amato.Paul@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** State Exide announcement now on-hold

This just in from DTSC:

The announcement of this request is now on pause until mid-June at least. We should know more by the end of next week about timeline and other details.

--Mike

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**From:** Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>  
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**Cc:** Amato, Paul <Amato.Paul@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Exide - State Letter and Press Release

Thanks Mike and Julia!

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**Cc:** Amato, Paul <Amato.Paul@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Exide - State Letter and Press Release

Hi John,  
I have not seen the draft press release, but did ask CalEPA about 1.5 weeks ago to share with us when there's a draft. She seemed open to that – I'll follow up now, with both her and DTSC Head of Comms. As for the products that we in the Region are developing, I know that Chip and SEMD colleagues are in touch with OPA's Julia about (a) brief if-asked press Q&A points, and (b) a written communication to LA elected officials. I haven't seen drafts yet, but I'd encourage that the press Q&A points be as concise as possible and not be a "statement," but bullets that can be readily converted into a tight response to media.

Thank you,

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**Cc:** Amato, Paul <Amato.Paul@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Exide - State Letter and Press Release  
**Importance:** High

Hi Everyone,

We heard this am that Cal EPA/DTSC are planning to issue a press release and send us the letter requesting EPA to list the Exide site as early as next Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mike and Julia – Have you seen the draft Cal EPA/DTSC press release? That would be very important to see as soon as we can. Also, we will need to work quickly, given the upcoming long weekend and folks vacation plans, to finalize our Desk Statement and Q +A's if we need to respond to press inquiries next week.

Thanks everyone, more to follow,  
John

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